

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

ELECTRONIC RESERVATION SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a web-based reservation system, the user enters requirements such as routes and date ranges at a terminal (1) and submits them to a web server (2) which retrieves a corresponding data set from a reservation database (6, 7). The user then enters a query that is applied to the retrieved data set to extract a subset thereof for display. The user may apply further queries to the subset, so as to modify the displayed information. In this way, the user may rapidly find and make a suitable reservation without the need repeatedly to send further queries to the server (2). The terminal displays fare availability information for a range of different dates and/or times, by means of indicia indicating availability of one or more fare types at the associated date and/or time. This allows the user quickly to comprehend fare availability across a range of dates or times.

[Fig. 7a]